

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND THEREBY AMENDING
REVISED CITY CODE – 1982 SECTIONS 5-2903, 5-2904, 5-2906, 5-2908, AND 5-2910**

The City of Coon Rapids does ordain:

Section 1. Revised City Code – 1982 Section 5-2904 is amended as follows: (deletions in brackets, additions double underlined)

5-2903 Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms will have the meanings ascribed to them:

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(9) “Accredited Institution: means an educational institution holding accredited status with the United States Department of Education.

(10) “Accredited Program” means a professional massage program accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA).

Section 2. Revised City Code – 1982 Section 5-2904 is hereby amended as follows:
(deletions in brackets, additions double underlined)

5-2904 Licenses Required.

(1) Therapeutic Massage Enterprise. No person may operate, offer, engage in, or carry on massage services in the City without first obtaining a therapeutic massage enterprise license.

(2) Therapeutic Massage Therapist. No person may provide, offer, engage in, or carry on massage services in the City, and no therapeutic massage enterprise may employ a person to provide massage services, unless the person is [a] licensed as a therapeutic massage therapist by the City.

Section 3. Revised City Code – 1982 Section 5-2905 is hereby amended as follows:
(additions double underlined)

5-2905 Exceptions. A therapeutic massage enterprise or massage therapist license is not required for the following:

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(6) The owner or operator of a licensed therapeutic massage enterprise need not be licensed as a therapeutic massage therapist unless the owner or operator personally provides massage services.

Section 4. Revised City Code – 1982 Section 5-2906 is hereby amended as follows:

(deletions in brackets, additions double underlined)

5-2906 License Applications. Applications for licenses under this Section must be made to the City Clerk on forms provided by the City and must, at a minimum, include the following information:

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(2) Therapeutic Massage Therapist:

(a) Applicant's name, current residential address, date of birth, and residential telephone number.

(b) Applicant's residential addresses for the previous five years if different than provided under (a) above.

(c) Name and address of applicant's current employer to include evidence the applicant is affiliated with, employed by, or owns a City licensed therapeutic massage enterprise.

(d) Names and current addresses of applicant's employers for the previous five years and the dates of such employments.

(e) Names and addresses of training institutions attended and dates of such attendance to include evidence the applicant has completed 400 hours of certified therapeutic massage training from an accredited institution or an accredited program approved by the City. These training hours must be authenticated by a single provider through a certified copy of the transcript of academic record from the school issuing the training, degree, or diploma.

(f) Whether applicant is licensed in other communities to provide similar services and, if so, where.

(g) Whether applicant has previously been denied a similar license, or had a license revoked, and, if so, provide information regarding where, when, and the circumstances.

(h) Whether applicant has ever been convicted of a criminal offense, or the violation of a local ordinance, other than a minor traffic offense, and, if so, provide information regarding the place, date, and nature of the offense.

(i) Whether the applicant has ever used or been known by a name other than the one provided under (a) above and, if so, the name or names used and information relative to the dates and places where used.

(j) ~~[Evidence of the following:~~

~~(i) Applicant is affiliated with, employed by, or owns a City licensed therapeutic massage enterprise.~~

~~—(ii) Applicant has completed 400 hours of certified therapeutic massage training from recognized school approved by the City, or has at least one year of experience in therapeutic massage in association with a therapeutic massage enterprise and will complete 400 hours of certified training within two years after being issued a massage therapist license under this Chapter, or has at least five years experience as a therapeutic massage therapist in association with a therapeutic massage enterprise. Evidence of prior experience will be in a form acceptable to the City.~~

~~(k)] Provide a valid state issued driver's license or identification card.~~

[~~(4)~~] (k) Names and addresses of two persons of good moral character and not related to the applicant who reside in the metropolitan area and who can provide the City with information regarding the applicant.

[~~(m)~~] (l) Such other information as may be required by the City.

Section 5. Revised City Code – 1982 Section 5-2908 is hereby amended as follows:

(additions double underlined)

5-2908 Issuance of Licenses.

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(2) Therapeutic Massage Therapist. Within 14 days after receipt of a complete application and payment of all required fees, the City Clerk must grant or deny the application for a therapeutic massage therapist license. Failure of the Clerk to act upon the application within the time provided will constitute approval of the license. Notice of denial, along with the reasons therefor, will be sent to the applicant. Such notice must be delivered to the applicant or placed in the U.S. mail within the 14 day time limit. The decision of the Clerk may be appealed to the City Council in accordance with Section 5-104.

Section 6. Revised City Code – 1982 Section 5-2910 is hereby amended as follows:

(additions double underlined)

5-2910 Persons Ineligible for License.

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(2) Therapeutic Massage Therapist. A therapeutic massage therapist license may not be issued to a person who: provides incomplete or inaccurate information on the license application; is unable to provide documentation of completion of message therapy training through an accredited program or from an accredited institution, or could not qualify for a therapeutic massage enterprise license under subsection (1) above, except for paragraph (d), or who is not affiliated with or employed by a therapeutic massage enterprise, or who does not hold a therapeutic massage enterprise license.

Introduced this ____ day of _____.

Adopted this ____ day of _____.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk